

East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014

Welcome and Call to Order

A special meeting of the First Things First East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on December 3, 2014 at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 North Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257.

Vice Chair Marie Raymond welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Frank Narducci, Vice Chair Marie Raymond, Council Members Trinity Donovan, Cheryl Foster, Beth Haas (appearing telephonically), Becky Henry, Bill Myhr, Emily Rajakovich, Mary Permoda and Marin Velarde

There were 28 members of the public present.

Call to the Public

The following individuals made statements to the Council:

- Megan Miks, Dignity Health
- Denny Brown, Scottsdale Unified School District Community Resource Center

Council Member Permoda arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Call to the Public continued.

- Amy Soles, Tempe School District

Chair Narducci arrived at 4:42 p.m.

Call to the Public continued.

- Beth Swadener, First Relationships
- Chris Thuman, Scottsdale Schools
- Rebecca Nevedale, Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Erin Raden, Arizona Child Care Association
- Vennila Ramadoss, Kids World
- Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe Community Council
- Carol Lopinski, Child Crisis Center/My Child is Ready
- Jill Stamm, New Directions/AZCA

Vice Chair Raymond turned the meeting back over to Chair Narducci at 5:04 p.m.

SFY2016 – Funding Plan Development

Chair Narducci read the Conflict of Interest statement and asked Council members to verbally declare their conflicts at this time. Council Member Haas declared her conflict with Quality First and Quality First Scholarships based upon her employment. Council Member Velarde declared her conflict with Quality First and Quality First Scholarships based upon her employment. Council Member Henry declared her conflict with Oral Health based upon her employment. Council Member Donovan declared her conflict with Family Resource Centers based upon her employment. Vice Chair Raymond declared her conflict with Parenting Education due to her employment. Chair Narducci declared his conflict with Quality First, Quality First Scholarships and Family Resource Centers due to his employment. Council Member Myhr declared his conflict of interest with Quality First, Quality First Scholarships and Home Visitation based upon his employment.

Discussions took place on which strategies to move forward to address the impending regional deficit in State Fiscal Year 16. Regional Director Lindo provided various funding level scenarios for the Quality First Scholarships strategy to the Council members. Vice Chair Raymond suggested allotting \$2.5 million for scholarships each year over the next three years to go to centers with three to five star ratings and Council members agreed. Regional Director Lindo noted the Care Coordination strategy is in the second year of a three-year grant cycle; therefore, Council members agreed to renew funding for the Care Coordination strategy in the amount of \$197,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 with a placeholder of \$394,000 for both State Fiscal Year 17 and State Fiscal Year 18 for possible expansion.

Regional Director Lindo also noted the Family Resource Center strategy is in the second year of a three-year grant cycle; therefore, Council members agreed to renew funding for the strategy in the amount of \$1,510,000 in State Fiscal Year 16. The Council also agreed to reduce funding for the Family Resource Centers strategy to \$1.3 million for State Fiscal Year 17 and State Fiscal Year 18 and will plan to remove the Parenting Education component out of the strategy. During the next year, the Council will look at the expansion of the Family Resource Center strategy into more areas of the region for State Fiscal Year 17 and State Fiscal Year 18.

The Council discussed the Home Visitation and Parenting Education strategies and it was determined that they provide distinct services to two different types of populations; therefore, both strategies should continue to be funded in State Fiscal Year 16. It was noted that Home Visitation had already been reduced to \$765,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 and the Council agreed to reduce the Parenting Education strategy to \$400,000 in State Fiscal Year 16.

It was noted by Council members that the Home Visitation and Parenting Education strategies have already been decreased by 27% and 28% respectively and with these two strategies being higher-ranking regional priorities, the Council agreed to reduce the Professional Development for Early Childhood Professionals strategy to \$300,000 in State Fiscal Year 16.

Pursuant to a question from Council Member Haas, it was noted that many of the Maricopa councils have funded the coordinated Home Visitation and the Council determined to fund this for \$50,000 in State Fiscal Year 16.

At this time, the Council moved forward with voting on the budget for State Fiscal Year 16.

Council Member Myhr moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership council allot \$197,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Care Coordination/Medical Home with a target service unit of 700 children served, 300 children screened, 300 development screenings conducted, 25 families served for health insurance enrollment, 300 vision screenings conducted, and 300 hearing screening conducted. Council Member Donovan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously 10-0.

Council Member Foster moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$150,670 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Child Care Health Consultation with a target service unit of 56 centers and 5 homes. Council Member Permoda seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$35,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Community Awareness. Council Member Foster seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Rajakovich moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$85,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Community Outreach. Council Member Donovan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Vice Chair Raymond moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$1,510,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Family Resource Centers with a target serve unit of 26,491 families who received referrals to services, 905 adults completing a series, 1,886 families served for health insurance enrollment. Council Member Myhr seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 8-0. Chair Narducci and Council Member Donovan having previously declared conflicts did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Donovan moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$550,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Home Visitation to be released multi-regional RFGA with Southeast Maricopa in the amount of \$384,191, with target service units of 110 families served, 110 children receiving screening, 110 developmental screenings conducted, 110 vision screenings conducted, and 110 hearing screenings conducted; and a Tribal Agreement with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$165,809, with target service units of 40 families served, 40 children receiving screening, 40 developmental screenings conducted, 40 vision screenings conducted, and 40 hearing screenings conducted. Council Member Velarde seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 9-0. Council Member Myhr having previously declared a conflict did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Permoda moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$100,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Media. Council Member Rajakovich seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Velarde moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$395,744 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Mental Health Consultation with a target service unit of 31 centers and 1 home. Council Member Henry seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Foster moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$250,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Oral Health with a target service unit of 3,000 children receiving oral health screenings, 3,000 fluoride varnishes applied, 1,150 participating adults, 50 participating professionals and 300 prenatal women to be released multi-regional RFGA. Council Member Donovan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 9-0. Council Member Henry having previously declared a conflict did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Rajakovich moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$400,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Parenting Education with a target service of 400 adults completing a series to be released RFGA. Council Member Permoda seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 9-0. Vice Chair

Raymond having previously declared a conflict did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Permoda moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$300,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Professional Development for Early Childhood Professionals with a target service of 120 professionals participating to be released RFGA. Council Member Foster seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Donovan moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$70,500 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Quality First Academy. Council Member Myhr seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 6-0. Chair Narducci and Council Members Haas, Myhr and Velarde having previously declared conflicts did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$987,756 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Quality First Coaching and Incentives with a target service unit of 56 centers, 5 homes and 14 Rating Only centers. Vice Chair Raymond seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 6-0. Chair Narducci and Council Members Haas, Myhr and Velarde having previously declared conflicts did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Vice Chair Raymond moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$2,500,000 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Quality First Child Care Scholarships with a target service unit of 308 scholarship slots for children 0-5 years in 3-5 star centers. Council Member Permoda seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 6-0. Chair Narducci and Council Members Haas, Myhr and Velarde having previously declared conflicts did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Foster moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$33,550 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Quality First Specialized Technical Assistance, with a target service unit of 56 centers and 5 homes. Council Member Donovan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 6-0. Chair Narducci and Council Members Haas, Myhr and Velarde having previously declared conflicts did not vote or otherwise participate in regards to this agenda item.

Council Member Permoda moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$50,000 for Family Resource Network and \$50,000 for Home Visitation Centralized Intake in State Fiscal Year 16 with the Home Visitation Centralized Intake strategy to be released multi-regional RFGA. Council Member Foster seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Council Member Haas moved that the East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$433,627 in State Fiscal Year 16 for strategy Statewide Evaluation. Council Member Velarde seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, 10-0.

Chair Narducci stated that he and Vice Chair Raymond will be presenting the funding plan to the First Things First Board on January 20 and invited other Council members to attend to see the presentation.

Director Updates

Regional Director Lindo thanked the Council members for their time and commitment.

Regional Council Updates

Chair Narducci thanked Regional Director Lindo for his leadership and suggested a networking social for some time in January.

Adjournment

Chair Narducci asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted By _____
Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved By _____
Frank Narducci, Chair